



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: November 8, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Project (NTP) Grant Award**

Recommendation:

- a. Authorize City officials to accept NTP federal grants for the Cedar Washington intersection (\$765,000)
- b. Authorize City officials to enter into respective agreements with MnDOT for this NTP grant
- c. Passage of the accompanying resolution increasing the Public Works – Transportation Agency appropriation in the Grants - Federal Fund (01300-9010943 Project G39012CEDAR) by \$765,000 and increase the revenue source (01300-9010943 Project G39012CEDAR Source 321012) by \$765,000.
- d. Passage of the accompanying resolution requesting MnDOT be our agent to accept the federal grants

Previous Directives:

- December 2, 2008 – Authorized a framework for development of Round 3 NTP projects
- January 13, 2009 – Directed Public Works staff to further discuss and develop with Transit for Livable Communities Round 3 high priority projects

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not Applicable
Civil Rights Approval	Not Applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Within Department and Project Budget

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Attended neighborhood meetings to discuss the project
City Goals: Satisfies multi-modal transportation goals
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

Since 2005, the City has been engaged in pursuing funding through the federal Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTP). This source of funding has so far resulted in \$10.6 million in projects for the City, aimed to increase bicycling and walking and decrease driving.

The Cedar Washington intersection pedestrian improvement project was awarded \$765,000 as part of the third round of regular NTP funding.

The project is aimed at making pedestrian improvements to enhance safety. Originating from the Pedestrian Master Plan, this project was conceived because of the high number of pedestrian-auto crashes, complex intersection geometry, and long crosswalks.

Federal Requirements

Due to the grant from the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program, the regular process for receiving federal funds needs to be followed. This includes filing appropriate paperwork with MnDOT and entering into an agreement with MnDOT as the City's fiscal agent.

Recommendation

Public Works and CPED seek authorization to accept this grant and to enter into a contract with MnDOT. The contract will include responsibilities, liability, insurance, and other necessary provisions to ensure federal, state, and city compliance with use of federal funds. Public Works and CPED also seeks passage of the accompanying resolutions.

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